

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on June 23, 2006, has been reviewed and the comments of the Patent and Trademark Office have been considered. Prior to this paper, claims 1-21 were pending, with claims 8, 9 and 12-19 being withdrawn. By this paper, Applicants cancel claim 10, and add claims 22-30. Therefore, claims 1-9 and 11-30 are now pending.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance for at least the reasons that follow.

Interview of September 18, 2006

Examiner Pape is thanked for extending the courtesy of an interview to Applicants' representatives on September 18, 2006, where it was agreed that amendments to the pending claims relating to the span of the insulation in the vertical direction would patentably differentiate the claims from the cited references in Office Action of June 2006.

In view of the Personal Interview held on September 18, 2006, Applicants submit that the Interview Summary (a copy of which is attached in Appendix A) provides a complete and proper recordation of the substance of the interview, per MPEP §713.04.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 3-5, 10-11 and 20-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dedrich (U.S. Patent No. 5,884,434) in view of Wycech (U.S. Patent No. 6,482,496), with claim 7 being rejected in view of these combinations when further combined with JP2001158306. In response, in order to advance prosecution, and without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicants amend the independent claims as seen above. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are not obvious in view of the cited references,

at least for the reasons discussed during the interview of September 18, 2006 (detailed in the Interview Summary attached in Appendix A).

New Claims

As seen above, Applicants have added new claims 22-31. Independent claims 22 and 30 recite that the partial heat insulation is located on the at least one surface only above a border line connecting respective points at which tangent lines on a front surface of the outer panel and the ground form 90 degree angles. This claim recitation is consistent with the position taken by PTO during the interview of September 18, 2006, that amendments relating to the span of the insulation in the vertical direction would patentably differentiate the present inventions from the cited references.

Claims 23-30 depend from claim 22, and claim 32 depend from claim 30, and thus these claims are allowable as well.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Examiner Pape is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date Sept 25, 2006

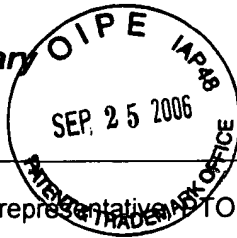
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APPENDIX A

Interview Summary



Application No.

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, and TO personnel):

(1) Joseph D. Pape

(3) _____

(2) Martin Cosenza

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Date of Interview: 9/18/06

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 1+10

Identification of prior art discussed: Dedrich et al. + Wycech

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: see below

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Claims 1 and 10 were discussed and no agreement was reached on the claims. Amendments to claim 1 relating to the span of the insulation in the vertical direction would define over the rejection set forth in the last office action.

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Examiner's signature, if required